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SUBJECT: Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) Update

for the 2008-09 Academic Year

The purpose of this Operations Memo is to update you on the status of the California Student Aid Commission's (Commission) Assumption Program of Loans for Education (APLE) for the 2008-09 academic year. APLE is a state-funded, competitive teacher incentive program designed to encourage outstanding students to become teachers and serve in areas within California where there is an identified critical teacher shortage.

APLE Application Packets for the 2008-09 academic year were distributed this week to participating institutions. A total of 7,200 applications were allocated to the 80 APLE participating institutions. However, the final budget may include a different number of authorized allocations. Commission staff will provide updates as information becomes available and will adjust the total allocations if necessary.

Applications and program materials may be downloaded from the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov or you may go directly to the APLE homepage at http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=111 to access the fillable form on the Internet. Advertising materials such as videos, bookmarks and posters may be ordered by going online and completing our Publications and Video Order Form (G-411) at www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt frm/G-411.pdf.

The priority deadline for 2008-09 APLE applications is **November 1, 2008**. If all allocations are not met by the priority deadline, the Commission will continue to accept eligible applications until the total allocations are disbursed. **Please note that the Commission's Legal Counsel has determined that Commission staff is prohibited by law from accepting 2008-09 APLE applications after the June 30, 2009 deadline.**



Once the priority deadline has passed, unused allocations will be redistributed to institutions that have used their allocation and need more. The Commission continues to work toward automating the application process. Staff is currently testing the new APLE web application where students can apply online and institutions can nominate their students electronically. Look forward to the launching of applications on the web in the near future!

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this Operations Memo or in the APLE application process, please do not hesitate to contact the Specialized Programs Operations Branch at (888) 224-7268, option 3. The Commission is interested in assisting California to recruit future teachers and we appreciate your partnership and strong support in administering this program.

Enclosures: 2008-09 APLE Application

Instructions for Filling Out Your APLE Application

2008-09 APLE New Applicant Fact Sheet

2008-09 APLE Coordinator's Guide

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